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Ref: Weekly Activities Report: Vermiculite Intermountain Site (aka SLC2)

The Vermiculite Intermountain Site is a Libby Sister Site; the former site of an exfoliation plant. High levels of Libby Amphibole (LA) have been found on the 100 South, 400 West block in Salt Lake City. The highest soil sample contained 7% LA (along the former rail spur and under the former plant). Visible product was found in the same location at depths down to 9½ feet. The Geoprobe was refused at this depth, so it could go deeper. Contaminated soils were found at the Utah Power and Light (UP&L) substation, and dust in the control building, which sits on the same property as former plant site. Contaminated dusts and minor structure counts (1 to 2 fibers) in ambient air were also found at Artistic Printing, and the Frank Edwards building. EPA is conducting the removal at Artistic Printing, as the owner has identified a very tight schedule and window of lowest economic harm to his business, that we don't feel the PRP can meet. The PRP is Pacificorp, the parent company of UP&L. The site is immediately south of the Delta Center, and immediately east of the Gateway.

Activities are scheduled to begin on site Wednesday, April 14th, including setting up offices and starting to build containment areas within Artistic Printing. Load out and cleaning of materials in the building is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 19th. Further investigation under the AAMPCO Parking lot is also scheduled for the week of April 19th. The Artistic Printing production floor, and thus the business, will not have to be shut down, except for 11 days near Memorial Day.

Legal Enforcement is working on an AOC with Pacificorp to do the cleanup of soils and dust (control building, 200,000 structures/cm²) on the substation property, and to cleanup the Frank Edwards building and parking lot. The Frank Edwards building and parking lot are pending sale, but the building is currently unoccupied.

